

THE ART OF POISONING.

Subtle Methods Used by the Natives of Central Africa.

The Central African native is a master in the art of poisoning and always on the watch for it. He will never take a drink of water or beer or eat a dish, even when offered by a peaceful acquaintance, until the host has eaten or drunk some of it to pledge his harmlessness. He is always in fear of treachery, and with good reason, for an assassin is cheaply hired. Vegetable poisons may be made by almost any one, and the methods of administering them are cunning beyond description.

One of the cleverest ways, often resorted to when a man gets into his head an idea that a neighbor is injuring him by witchery, is to kill the unsuspecting victim by means of poisoned stakes and at the same time avoid suspicion, which would inevitably lead to a similar vengeance.

Procuring little sharpened sticks, the murderer hollows their points and inserts poison (usually made by boiling down the juice of certain shrubs or creepers) into the cavities. These he secretly plants upright, but leaning a little along the path, which leads from the doomed negro's hut to his garden. Sooner or later the intended victim slightly lacerates his bare foot by hitting one of these sharp stakes. He takes no notice of the scratch, for he is used to such trifling injuries, but in a few moments his foot and leg begin to swell, and an hour or so later he expires in agony.

The bark and roots of several trees and shrubs yield violent poisons when properly brewed, one of which has the peculiar effect of at once paralyzing the organs of speech. The gall of the crocodile when dried in the sun and pulverized is also very deadly. The most fatal poison, however, is that prepared from an ugly, whitish tree called ugonu in German East Africa. It grows in only a few localities, and few natives will venture to cut it down, for a mere prick with a splinter will cause terrible and sometimes fatal inflammation. The negroes say that neither moths nor snakes will go near it and that birds never rest in its branches.

To make this poison the wood is burnt and its ashes are mixed with water and then boiled down to a thick paste. The natives will travel hundreds of miles to procure this paste, with which hunters paint their arrows and spears and the bullets of their guns, clipping them after the smearing in hot beeswax to form a protective covering against loss or power as well as against accident.—Harper's Weekly.

Scattering Disease.

Dr. Leonard Hill of London holds that it is an "offense against society for any one with a cold to cough, sneeze or even talk without covering his mouth with his handkerchief. Colds kill tens of thousands every year," the doctor adds, "and yet we persist in taking no special precautions to escape them. We go to great trouble to prevent the spread of diphtheria or scarlet fever or smallpox, but the person with a cold, who is scattering deadly microbes everywhere, we treat as perfectly harmless. I thoroughly agree that during the sneezing, coughing stage the person with a cold should be isolated, so that the germs he is constantly scattering may not be breathed in by his neighbors."—New York Tribune.

A Pet Dog Cemetery.

Dead dogs fare better than many men in one town in England, where there is an exclusive cemetery for rich women's pets. Expensive dogs must have showy graves, and the owner of a toy spaniel, blue blooded Pomeranian or a French poodle doesn't think anything of paying \$100 for a burial plot in the first stop on the way to the canine Valhalla. Pink headstones are stuck up over the last resting place of the aristocratic doggies, and the epitaphs are as appreciative as if they were on tombstones over the graves of the best French chefs.—New York Press.

Quaint English Surnames.

There are still the quaint surnames redolent of the soil or the early experiences in the hill country of the Cotswolds. A correspondent tells me that there are four men working on one farm on the Cotswold hills named respectively Pill, Pocratre, Pothecary and Greengrass—men clearly who have gained their surnames from some kind of idiosyncrasy or fact, men who may some day send the surname of Pill into fame.—London Telegraph.

Not Beguining.

"I didn't think Mrs. De Browne looked very attractive at the opera last night," said Dubbelgru.
"So? Why, usually she is radiant. What did she have on?" asked Winktop.
"A large sized grouch," said Dubbelgru.—Harper's Weekly.

Unconventional.

"But, Maria, why should we make a trip abroad when we've seen so few of the pieces of interest in our own country? Let us visit those first."
"Oh, John, you do say such dreadfully crude and unconventional things!"—Chicago Tribune.

His Absentmindedness.

Professor (after dinner, looking at his empty plate in a rage)—There, we've had spinach and egg again! You know perfectly well, Amelia, that I can't eat it!—Filigende Amata.

Tell, think, hope. You will be sure to dream enough before you die without arranging for it.—J. Sterling.

Students in some of the primary schools of the Philippine Islands make their own desks and tables.

39c 28 inch wide Embroidery

19c

50c Ratine, per yd

21c

SALE ON WOMEN'S AND MISSES DRESSES SUITS AND COATS

Women's white Oxfords, \$1.50 grade 79c

You'll really wonder how such handsome dresses and suits can be made for the price. That was our thought when we secured them but the maker has a reason for letting them go, and we were pleased to get them because they enable us again to demonstrate that wonderful underselling system.

\$12.50 Serge Dresses, our price \$3.95

\$12.50 Ratine and Eponge Dresses, our price \$4.95

\$15 Silk Dresses, our price \$4.95

\$6.50 Linen Dresses, our price \$2.49

\$5.00 Embroidered Dresses, our price \$1.98

\$18.00, \$20.00 and \$22.50 Women's and Misses' Suits, new spring models and materials, our price \$8.95

One lot of Women's and Misses \$15 all wool Suits, our price \$3.95

\$2.50 Wash Dresses, our price 95c

\$1.50 Tub Skirts, our price 89c

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

As Recorded in the Files of the Daily Telegram

Steadman L. Bryan, formerly connected in an official capacity with the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, arrived here from Parkersburg to go in the steam laundry business with Torry J. Slayton.

Benjamin Brown Stout was appointed superintendent of improvements to be made on the fair grounds of the West Virginia Central Agricultural and Mechanical Society.

Guy H. Earle was taken suddenly ill in the C. E. Pride Company's office as a result of taking stomach medicine.

A baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore G. Nicewarner was dead of accidental scalds received the evening before in their home.

James J. Foley, of Salem, was sentenced by Judge John W. Mason in the circuit court to serve five years in the penitentiary for robbing Daniel

Connors, an aged resident of Salem, of about \$65.

Report was made of new laws passed by the city council revising the city's method of bookkeeping.

Lightning struck the residence of Harry Cox at Adamston, but no one was injured.

The Clarksburg All Stars went to Wilsonburg and defeated the Wilsonburg baseball team in the morning by a score of 26 to 8.

Thomas A. Edison's genuine moving pictures were announced for the Traders Grand Opera House under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

According to the display advertisements in the Daily Telegram—Otto Moore was conducting an investment brokerage business in the Rookery building.

Walter F. Ray was proprietor of

EVERYBODY Goes to BAKER'S STORE

Our Friday and Saturday Special Sales, Every Man and Woman

\$2.00 Silk Parasols 98c

Knows What That Means

Men's 50c Dress Shirts 39c

In the way of monetary savings on every article that is sold at this store.

Women's \$3.50 Oxford shoes, all styles

The assortments are more varied.

Men's 39c Underwear

\$1.95

The Values Bigger Than Ever This Time!

16c

Men's \$12.50 Suits, new spring models

\$4.95

Boys' \$5, \$6 and \$7.50 Suits

\$3.95

Come In and Complete Your Wardrobe For the Summer at An Almost Inconsiderable Outlay.

Take the Same Amount of Money That You Expected to Pay For Your Suit Or Dress to This Store and Buy Two or Three

50c Lace Curtains 29c

Girls' \$2.50 Dresses 95c

\$5.00 Linen Coats \$1.95

\$3.50 all wool Serge Skirts \$1.95

12 1/2c Gingham 7 1/2c

\$3.50, \$5.00 and \$6.00 Trimmed Hats now on sale at

\$1.69



343-45 West Main Street

Men's and Boys' Clothing, largest and best assorted stock in Clarksburg. This one department is as large and larger than exclusive clothing stores. More than twenty thousand dollars worth of Men's and Boys' Clothing to choose from.

Men's \$15.00 all wool Spring Suits, our price \$5.95

\$16.50 Men's and Young Men's blue Serge Suits, our price \$8.95

Men's \$18 and \$20 blue Serge Suits, our price \$10.95

Men's \$25 new Spring Suits hand tailored. Over 12 styles to choose from, our price \$11.95

Boys' \$6.00 blue Serge Suits, our price \$3.95

Boys' \$3.50 Suits, our price \$1.95

Boys' 50c Knee Pants, our price 19c

Men's \$3.00 all wool Pants, our price 95c

Men's \$2.00 Pants, our price \$1.49

SALE ON MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING

Men's \$3.50 Oxfords, tan and gun metal \$1.89

the Metropolitan hotel.

H. E. Giehl was a merchant tailor on "Pike street next door to the Nugget."

Harry R. Smith was running the Clarksburg Tailoring Company in the Traders building.

M. F. Bartlett had a meat shop at 310 West Pike street and another at 120 Third street.

The Racket Store was at 112 Third street.

Sine and Crawford were selling shoes at 128 Third Street.

Edward J. Doyle was superintendent of streets.

Miss Mayme Porter was making hats at T. J. Lynch's dry goods store.

SALEM

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE)

SALEM, May 23.—In your good write up of the new Salem Baptist church you make one little error in stating that the dedication will take place June 19, this should be June 29.

Favorable comment has been heard on the Telegram's enterprise in being the first newspaper to give

a description of this modern house of worship.

L. W. Bartlett, of the Oil operating firm of Bartlett and Hiner, of Buckhannon, was here this week and looking over leases at Big Isaac.

Interest and operations are active in this section and in the Greenbrier field where several wells are drilling.

Mrs. William G. Offutt, of Kingwood, has been visiting here this week.

Mrs. C. O. Nillison, of Roomwood, is at her mother's, Mrs. L. J. Flowers. Her three sons are also with her.

Ira B. Keys, of Weston, representing the Keys Music Company, was a business visitor here Wednesday.

Two changes are noted in the arrival of trains here after May 25.

No. 14 will arrive here at 10:10 a. m. and No. 15 at 4:03 p. m.

The Telegram reported that the postoffice department declined to put mail boxes at the depot here because

all first class trains do not stop at this station. There must be some error in this, as all trains "slow and fast," stop at Salem, even Nos. 1 and 2, night trains, stop here.

The exercises of the graduating class of the Salem High school will be held at the college auditorium

Tuesday night. Following is the program:

Essay—"Greeting" Eugene Carney.

Essay—"Histor of Senior Class" Harold Ross.

Essay—"The Forcefulness of Slang"—Laura Myers.

Music—"I am the King of Outlaws"—Class.

Essay—"The Agricultural Outlook for Harrison County"—Marshall Morrison.

Essay—"The Woman of Today"—Amie Cunningham.

Music, piano duet—"Silver Stars"—Georgiana Clark, Leila McGregor.

Essay—"A Plea for the Dog"—Glenn Frum.

Essay—"A Twentieth Century Tragedy"—Annie Cunningham.

Music—"A Toast to Our Boys"—Senior girls.

Essay—"Class Will"—William Clark.

Music, class song—"The class The Rev. Gregory Blakely, of the Methodist Episcopal church, will preach the annual sermon for the graduating class of the High school at the college auditorium next Sunday morning. A diversified program will be rendered.

Isaac N. Wilcox is spending several weeks at Boulder, Colo.

Mrs. G. R. Wilson, of Philadel-

phia, arrived here last Sunday and will remain several weeks a guest of her mother, Mrs. Martha Trough, and other relatives.

Mrs. Joseph Forthome, while at Clarksburg recently was taken suddenly ill and was taken to St. Mary's hospital, but has so far recovered that she has been brought home.

Miss Peterson, of Weston, spent several days this week with her sister, Mrs. R. E. Barrockman.

Mrs. J. J. Flynn is visiting friends in Charleston.

Among the six knights attending the Knights Templar convocation at Fairmont were M. L. Campbell, W. T. Leonard, Fred D. Powell, W. A. Carpenter, R. W. Young, T. B. Gilbert, W. B. Holden, O. T. Davis, Earl Carpenter, George Clark, Elmer Boner, J. W. Mowrey, O. L. Radabaugh and J. C. Killen.

The following ladies and wives of six knights went to Fairmont to witness the Knights Templar parade: Mrs. O. T. Davis, Mrs. Cleve Randolph, Mrs. Fred D. Powell, Mrs. Esie George and Mrs. A. E. Graham.

You are invited to call at Pinnell's barn, Sixth street, Clarksburg, Friday, May 23d, and inspect the horses which will be sold at auction Saturday, May 24th. Flemingsburg Horse Co.